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1. BREZHNEV TREATMENT OF CHILE IN SOFIA SPEECH SEPT 19
IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR VIEW THAT SOVIETS DO NOT INTEND TO
MAKE COUP A CAUSE CELEBRE AT EXPENSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL
PRESENCE IN SANTIAGO OR OF DETENTE WITH THE U.S. SOVIET
LEADER, WHILE EXPRESSING FEELINGS OF "CLASS SOLIDARITY
WITH THE WORKING PEOPLE OF CHILE," DID NOT GO BEYOND
BRANDING COUP AS WORK OF CHILEAN "REACTION...ENCOURAGED
AND SUPPORTED BY IMPERIALIST FORCES ABROAD." HE REFRAINED FROM
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ANY CHARGES OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN OR FOREKNOWLEDGE OF COUP

AND FROM CATEGORIZING CHILEAN LEADERS IN THE MORE PEJORATIVE TERMS (E.G. "FASCIST") WHICH CHARACTERIZED ZHIVKOV'S SPEECH SAME DAY.

2. SOVIET PRESS CONTINUES CAUTIOUS APPROACH NOTED REFTEL. PRAVDA REPORT ON SEPT 18 UNSC MEETING, FOR EXAMPLE, DOES NOT MENTION CUBAN REPRESENTATIVES ATTACKS ON U.S. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CASTRO ATTACKED U.S. DIRECTLY IN HIS STATEMENTS ON CHILE IN PRAGUE (AND PERHAPS ALSO IN NEW DELHI AND HANOI); IF SO, SOVIET PRESS TREATMENT OF CASTRO'S TRAVELS HAS OMITTED SUCH REFERENCES.

3. ONE EXCEPTION TO GENERAL SOVIET AVOIDANCE OF MENTION OF U.S. IS PRAVDA REPORT SEPT 19 OF CPUSA LEADER WINSTON'S CALL FOR CONDEMNATION OF U. S. MONOPOLIES FOR INCITING OVERTHROW OF ALLENDE GOVERNMENT.

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